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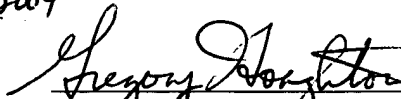


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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This Reply is submitted pursuant to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003, to which a Reply is due February 26, 2004. Reconsideration of the present rejections and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 are under consideration.